



North Jersey Street Rod Association

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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen:

Lou Calisibetta's garage run was a huge success in spite of a little rain. Thanks again, Lou for all your support to N. J.S.R.A. A good time was had by all.

Thank you to Bill Bosland for undertaking the important job of Habardasher! I am sure you will help keep the club membership looking good.

Welcome to a new perspective/old member Ray Canty, who was a long time member of N.J.S.R.A and is in the process of fulfilling his application requirements.

IMPORTANT: Goody bag stuffing, May 29th, Saturday 9:00 AM at the club garage.

Guys, please don't forget your DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE TICKETS. Our show is just a month away, thanks.

Dan

Monthly Meeting: *Jeff Erven*
April 28, 2010

May 10, Steering Committee Meeting:

Attendees: Dan Burrows, Skip Cardinal, Jeff Erven, Scotty Dietz, Bob Grimal, Pete Iozzio, Bob Drown, Jack Beckett, Ken Wilson. **Absent:** Charlie Parinello

- Call to Order, Pledge, Moment of Silence
- Roll Call: (27) Members, (3) Guests
- **Treasurer's Report from Skip:**
VFW Rent & Refreshments, Boys Night Out, Club Shirts, Garage Rent, Mine Hill Trophy, Gas Card, New Member Application .
- **Good and Welfare**
 - Everyone is well. Stevie Matthews is feeling so good he cut his grass the 1st time in 2 years, it was taller than him.
 - Pete Iozzio is going to have surgery the week of the 20th. Keep him in our thoughts.

- Attention Bryce, Vinnie Salvatore would like to get the Newsletter via Mail, since he is having email problems.
- The Rod Run scheduled for May 1 by Stevie Matthews has been postponed due to show conflicts.
- Attention Bryce, Jerry Ambrosi of Master Upholstery would also like to receive a newsletter. He was a past member and supports the club with tours of his business that was recently attended by around ten current members and past members. Jerry's email is masteruph@hotmail.com.
- Paul Erb submitted a new member application for Anthony Rossi. Tony's email is woodie2@optonline.net
- Stevie Matthews introduced a previous member in the club in the 80's, Ray Canty, who is interested in rejoining the club. Jeff did not have an extra application form, but tabled the application official until a copy can be made. Stevie almost fell over when he was told of the \$10 application fee, coughed up by the sponsor.
- Boy's Night out was attended by 19 members. A leftover meal of really raw crab legs was given to Dan since he was on vacation, along with a special fork to open them. A suggestion was made that since we have two Boy's Night Outs that one of them be located in the Eastern part of the state (Bergen County) so members in that area can attend easier. Rich Luzzi will investigate.
- Show Flyers were distributed. Thank You to Scotty, they turned out great. The Flyer is also on the Website. A photo of the show recipient, Jacob Grimes is also on the Flyer.
- Pete Van Iderstein, one of the original NJSRA founders over 30 years ago, made a donation for the show.
- All members should attempt to obtain two donations if possible. Scotty Dietz gave everyone their books of \$5.00, 20 raffle tickets. Absent members will have theirs mailed.
- Dan's printer contact supplied large show flyers that can be displayed in businesses. Dan will have probably 2 for all members to display.
- Goodie Bag Stuffing will be held on Saturday, May 29, 9AM at the Wharton Garage. It should only take a couple of hours at most.
- Bob O'Malley has a Pin Striper who he will contact to see if he is available for the show. Pete Iozzio also has someone he will contact.
- NSRA Safety Rep, Dennis Dahlinger is asking if anyone would be interested in being a Safety Inspector. Good knees and the ability to tell a Toyota from a Chevy is a requirement.
- The New Club Haberdasher is Bill Bosland. See him for blowout deals on club shirts.
- Paul Erb has volunteered the use of his four post lift at his house for club members.
- Pete Fisher of Fisher Transmissions is going to donate a custom pedal car. This will be auctioned at the show. Members are encouraged to donate any items they may want to donate for the small auction.
- Club Members should see Bob Filipski first thing the day of the show to get their lunch tickets.
- The Lou Calisibetta's Stillwater Garage tour was a huge success, attended by 19 NJSRA members and Sam, the club mascot. A great time was had by all. It rained early but cleared up mid morning. A Big Thank You goes out to Lou.
- The Steering Committee has set up a **Final** Rod Run Committee as follows:

Load Truck at Bob Grimals' on Setup Day - Bob & Chris Grimal, Jeff Erven, Eddie Zuchowski, Mike Edis, Vinnie Salvatore, Stevie Matthews

Food Vendors - Dan Burrows

Lunch Tickets - Bob Filipski

Car Show Vendors - Ed Zuchowski, Mike Edis

Advertising - Jack Beckett

Roving Reporter, Cameraman - Charlie Parinello

T-Shirts - Linda Bosland, Janet Dietz, Scotty Dietz
Show Field Electrical Setup, - Bryce DeLoach
Bagels - Joe Luongo, Lou Calasibetta
Coffee, Donuts - Bob Filipiski
Valve Cover - Bob Matthews, Joe Staples, Gary Staples, Jay Miller, Ray Cantry, Tony Rossi
Registration - Jeff Erven, Ken Wilson, Dave Meyers, Charlie Parinello
Spectator Gate - Jack Becket, Shawn Beckett, Lou Cinque
Directional Signs - Bob Grimal, Chris Grimal
Auctioneer - Bob Grimal
Raffles - Scotty Dietz, Ed Mansfield, Linda Bosland, Janet Dietz, Bob Grimal
50-50 - Rich Luzzi, Vinnie Salvatore, Bob Filipiski, Bob Drown
Door Prizes - Scotty Dietz, Chris Grimal, Bob Grimal, Clarence Staples
Money - Skip Cardinal
Parking - Bill Bosland, Lou Casasibetta, Steve Matthews
Use of Truck for Transportation - Pete Iozzio
Spectator Parking - Ed Zuchowski, Mike Edis
Interfaith Food Pantry Can Donations - Paul Erb
Floater - Hank Dahl, Larry Lutzerzo, Stevie Matthews
Kids Games - Pat Staples, Janet Grimal, Monica Grimal
Water - Ed Broadback
Sanitation, Ice, Field Maintenance - Randy Stacey
Unload Truck at Bob Grimals' - Bob Grimal, Bob Drown, Mike Edis, Bill Bosland, Stevie Matthews, Ken Wilson

- A possible future Rod Run Winery Tour is being coordinated by Dan Burrows.
- Congratulation to Eddie Z, He became a Grandfather for the 3rd time, all in one year, it was his Daughter's turn that had a baby girl.
- The 50-50 was won by Lou Cinque again, two meetings attended in 2010, won both times, he bought Wheels Dollies from Vinnie Salvatore.

BATTERY BOOSTER PACKS *Frank Carey*

OK, I'm going to take a chance and tell you something you might already know. If so, just skip to the next item.

Battery booster packs have been around for quite a while and I suspect most of you have one. And you probably realize that these things have a 12V battery inside. That's why they're heavy. But it's a sealed battery. Like a regular car battery, these batteries have a finite life expectancy and last week I began to suspect that my battery booster pack was terminally ill. But how could I be sure. I can't check the acid with a hydrometer because it's sealed. So I decided to check it with my trusty Taiwan-made load tester. When I couldn't get a reading I wasn't sure if this was an indication of my battery pack's condition or an indication of the quality of the load tester. So nothing was learned.

Coincidentally, I needed to go buy a battery for a car and took the battery pack along to the Interstate battery store to see if they could test it. I learned a lot. Interstate sell these battery packs. They come in a wide range of amperages as do regular car batteries. I just never thought of that. They even sell a huge battery booster pack that will start a diesel. I never thought of that either. He tested mine and it was indeed deceased. Then the big surprise: He could sell me a new battery to put in my battery pack. He said most people don't know that these batteries are replaceable and they just throw out the old battery booster pack and buy a new one. But there's a catch: The replacement batteries are expensive – not too far from the cost of a whole new booster pack. A new battery for mine was \$65.00. So I decided to buy a new battery booster pack with greater booster power than was available in my old one. But you might want to replace the battery in yours when its time comes.

Sorry if you knew all of this and I wasted your time. Editor's prerogative, I guess....

NEW NSRA CUTOFF DATE *Frank Carey*

Members: Be sure to let us know if this car shows up at any NSRA events.

**SECOND ORDER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS** *Frank Carey*

It seems like everybody is expected to do something about the environment whether it be in the area of air quality, recycling, or other and I sense that lots of people are looking to the big three automakers to take the lead and do something really impressive. I'm sure they are still busy on many fronts but I just became aware of something that Ford has been doing for a few years.

Ford obviously understands that plastic isn't going to biodegrade in a land fill and that plastic insulation on wiring might someday end up in a land fill. So they are now using an insulation material that biodegrades. It's made from soy beans. Don't laugh. It biodegrades very nicely. It has excellent physical properties (it's strong, etc.) and is an excellent electrical insulator. So what's wrong? Well, . . . rats like to eat it.

I was talking to a Ford service manager the other day and he told me a customer had called saying his car wouldn't start. The manager told him to have it towed in. When they looked at it they saw that the harness under the hood was very badly chewed – right up to the firewall connector. There wasn't even enough wire sticking out of the connector so they could splice on new wire. The car needed a new harness. The guy was stuck for \$1700.00. And his insurance company wouldn't pay for it. Two weeks later it happened again – to the same guy. This time the chewing wasn't as bad so the techs could splice in new wire. The owner asked what he could do to prevent this from happening again. The service manager's wise-ass answer was to park in a different place but he felt he ought to have a suggestion but had no idea what to say. Apparently Ford hasn't issued a service bulletin on this. So he suggested the guy try putting moth balls around the engine. I've heard of doing this to keep mice out of a stored car so I suppose it might work.

For Sale

Joe Staples - 1938 Plymouth flathead, transmission and rear

Vinnie Salvatore - 302 Fuel injection manifold, computer, BO; Quick Lift, around \$1,500;

(6) Classic Gauges

Paul Erb - 1958 Ford 9" Rear, 58" wide

Lou Cinque - C4 Trans, 1950 Ford Overdrive, \$350



'33 Ford Sedan. 6K miles. Steel original body - 2" chop - Valley aluminum grill - Chrysler Garnet Pearl Metallic. Jerry Ambrosi interior - '80 Corvette seats - Dakota Digital - Vintage Air - Ron Francis - Juliano's power windows. Boxed frame - Heidt's - Auburn posi - Walker radiator - Borgeson - Cragar Pro-Tech - 25 gal. SS tank. ZZ4/350 - Edelbrock 1406 - MSD - Turbo 350.

More pics on NJSRA site.

\$ 48,000

Bryce: delcoinc@optonline.net (best) or 973-627-5149

If you know of an event & would like it listed, please contact me. A good website to view schedules & flyers on the internet is: www.njcarshow.com

Events: 2010

May 20, 21, 22, 23 - Ocean City Maryland

May 22, 23 - Greenwood Lake Airport, 126 Airport Rd, West Milford, www.greenwoodlakeairport.com

May 23 - Chester Main Street

May 26 - Monthly Meeting

May 29 - Richard Crawford Memorial Car Show, Livingston High School

May 29 - Goodie Bag Stuffing, 9AM, Wharton Garage

May 30 - Hackettstown Memorial Madness

May 30 - Franklin Lakes Road, Franklin Lakes

Jun 5 - Breakfast at Empire Diner, 1315 Rt. 46 East, Parsippany, 973-335-2729

June 3, 4, 5, 6 - York, PA, NSRA

Jun 13 - Chelsea in Montville

Jun 13 - Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo Ave, Oakland, 201-337-3307

Jun 14 - Steering Committee Meeting

Jun 19 - NJSRA Car Show Set-up day

Jun 20 - NJSRA Car Show

Jun 25, 26, 27 - Goodguys, Rhinebeck, NY

June 26 - Pocono Mountain KOA Campground, 233 Holland Rd, E, Stroudsburg, PA, 570-856-0232

June 27 - Gearhart Chevrolet, Denville

Jun 30 - Monthly Meeting

July 9, 10, 11 - Goodguys Columbus, Ohio

July 16, 17, 18 - Right Coast Assoc, Syracuse, NY

July 17 - Calvary Temple, 1111 Preakness Ave, Wayne

Jul 12 - Steering Committee Meeting

Jul 28 - Monthly Meeting, Ice Cream Night

Aug 9 - Steering Committee Meeting

Aug 14, 15 - 180 W. Bridge St. New Hope, PA

Aug 27, 28, 29 - Macungie WOTSRA

Aug 25 - Monthly Meeting

Sep 13 - Steering Committee Meeting

Sep 19 - NJSRA Family Picnic

Sept 25, 26, 27 - Goodguys Pocono, Pa

Sep 29 - Monthly Meeting

Oct 11 - Steering Committee Meeting

Oct 14 - Thursday, Boy's Night Out

Oct 16 - Stevie Mathews Fall Foliage Run

Oct 27 - Monthly Meeting

Nov 8 - Steering Committee Meeting

No Nov 24 Monthly Meeting

Dec 1 - Monthly Meeting, No Steering Committee Meeting in December

Dec 11 - Holiday Party at Piccolo's, Kinnelon

Cruises: 2010

Mon

Goffel Grille, Hawthorne, 201-3032-3218

Ridgewood Restaurant, - 35 Brooklyn Stanhope Rd, Lake Hopatcong, Free Buffet

Tue

Fuddruckers, Rt. 22 W, Bridgewater

Custom Knights, Wendy's, Rt. 23 North

McDonalds, Rt. 10, Ledgewood Mall, Succasunna

Wed

Goodfellas, Wendy's, Rt. 46 East, Denville, Starts April 21

Irving's Delicatessen, Rt. 10 East, Livingston, 973-994-5100, Starts April 7

Wyckoff, NJ

Thursday

Tri-County Cruises, Riverdale Armory, Starts May 6

Cops N Rodders, Hackettstown, Starts April 29

Fri

Starlight Cruisers, Wal-Mart, Boonton, Starts April 23

Rt. 94, Knowlton Shopping Center, Blairstown

Town of Somerville

Sat

Chatterbox

Whiskey Café

Sun

Calandra's Bakery, Rt. 46 East, Fairfield, Breakfast

IHOP, Rt. 46 Kenvil

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Lou Calasibetta's Garage Run

Lou's Hospitality



Where's your Red Sticker?



The Garage



Famous Truck



Food Court



In Progress

